

Government to discuss the upcoming elections in Iraq. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Collinsville, IL, arriving in the afternoon. Upon arrival, he met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Connie Bergmann.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to name Claude A. Allen as Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy.

The President announced that he has named Daniel Bartlett as Counselor to the President.

The President announced that he has named Nicolle Devenish as Assistant to the President for Communications.

January 6

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with President Mikheil Saakashvili of Georgia to discuss the situation in Ukraine and other issues. He then had an intelligence briefing.

Later in the morning, the President met with Republican congressional leaders to discuss legislative priorities.

In the afternoon, in the Oval Office, the President met with individuals to discuss class-action lawsuit reform.

Later in the afternoon, on the South Lawn, the President and Mrs. Bush publicly welcomed their new pet, Miss Beazley, to the White House.

During the day, the President met with Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida to discuss relief efforts following the December 26, 2004, earthquake and tsunamis in the Indian Ocean.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush and family members attended the 60th wedding anniversary dinner of former President George Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

The White House announced that the President will host President Aleksander Kwasniewski of Poland at the White House for a meeting and lunch on February 9.

January 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Oval Office,

he met with Chairman Connie Mack and Vice Chairman John B. Breaux of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform and Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snow.

Later in the morning, the President traveled to Clinton Township, MI, arriving in the afternoon. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had a telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations John C. Danforth to discuss the situation in Sudan. Upon arrival in Clinton Township, the President met with USA Freedom Corps volunteer Don Kotchman.

Later in the afternoon, the President returned to Washington, DC.

The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform: Connie Mack III (Chairman); John B. Breaux (Vice Chairman); William Eldridge Frenzel; Elizabeth Garrett; Edward P. Lazear; Timothy J. Muris; James Michael Poterba; Charles O. Rossotti; and Liz Ann Sonders.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert B. Zoellick to be Deputy Secretary of State.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted January 4

Samuel W. Bodman,
of Massachusetts, to be Secretary of Energy,
vice Spencer Abraham, resigned.

Alberto R. Gonzales,
of Texas, to be Attorney General, vice John
Ashcroft, resigned.

Carlos M. Gutierrez,
of Michigan, to be Secretary of Commerce,
vice Donald Louis Evans, resigned.

Mike Johanns,
of Nebraska, to be Secretary of Agriculture,
vice Ann Margaret Veneman, resigned.

Michael O. Leavitt,
of Utah, to be Secretary of Health and
Human Services, vice Tommy G. Thompson,
resigned.

Jim Nicholson,
of Colorado, to be Secretary of Veterans Af-
fairs, vice Anthony Joseph Principi, resigned.

Condoleezza Rice,
of California, to be Secretary of State, vice
Colin Luther Powell, resigned.

Margaret Spellings,
of Texas, to be Secretary of Education, vice
Roderick R. Paige, resigned.

Jeffrey Robert Brown,
of Illinois, to be a member of the Social Secu-
rity Advisory Board for a term expiring Sep-
tember 30, 2008, vice Bradley D. Belt, re-
signed.

Adolfo A. Franco,
of Virginia, to be a member of the Board
of Directors of the Inter-American Founda-
tion for a term expiring September 20, 2008,
vice Jeffrey Davidow, resigned.

Gregory B. Jaczko,
of the District of Columbia, to be a member
of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for
the term of 5 years expiring June 30, 2008,
vice Greta Joy Dicus, term expired.

Albert Henry Konetzni, Jr.,
of New York, to be a member of the Nuclear
Regulatory Commission for the term of 5
years expiring June 30, 2009, vice Richard
A. Meserve, resigned.

Roger Francisco Noriega,
of Kansas, to be a member of the Board of
Directors of the Inter-American Foundation
for a term expiring September 20, 2006, vice
Harriett C. Babbitt, term expired.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office
of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as
items nor covered by entries in the Digest of
Other White House Announcements.

Released January 3

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Released January 4

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Released January 5

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Fact sheet: Legal Reform: The High Costs
of Lawsuit Abuse

Released January 6

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary on the up-
coming visit of President Aleksander
Kwasniewski of Poland

Released January 7

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Sec-
retary Scott McClellan

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing
that the President signed H.R. 241

Acts Approved by the President

*Approved December 23 **

H.R. 530 / Private Law 108-6
For the relief of Tanya Andrea Goudeau

* This Private Law was not received in time for
inclusion in the appropriate issue.